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CANADA PARTICIPATION IN URANIUM CARTEL.

1. ARTICLE IN OCTOBER 17 ISSUE OF WALL STREET JOURNAL
NOTES THAT ENERGY MINISTER GILLESPIE, AT OCTOBER 14 NEWS
CONFERENCE, EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT THERE WAS ANY EVIDENCE
GULF MINERALS CANADA HAD BEEN FORCED TO PARTICIPATE IN
URANIUM CARTEL. GILLESPIE REPORTEDLY SAID THAT GULF HAD
ONLY BEEN "URGED" TO PARTICIPATE.

2. EMBOFF RAISED THIS QUESTION WITH GILLESPIE'S PRESS
ASSISTANT (J. DEACEY), NOTING THAT GILLESPIE'S ORAL STATE-
MENT APPEARED TO CONTRADICT STATEMENT IN PRESS RELEASE
TO EFFECT THAT ACTIONS OF CANADIAN URANIUM PRODUCERS WERE
REQUIRED UNDER CANADIAN LAW AND TAKEN PURSUANT TO CANADIAN
POLICY. DEACEY RESPONDED THAT AT PRESS CONFERENCE, GILLES-
PIE DID SAY THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY COERCION IN THE
GULF CASE. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT GILLESPIE WAS THEN
DRAWN INTO INVOLVED "SEMANTIC DISCUSSION" OF WHAT CONS-
TITUTED COERCION AND THAT WALL STREET JOURNAL ARTICLE WAS
APPARENTLY ONE REPORTER'S INTERPRETATION OF THIS INTER-
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CHANGE. HE EMPHASIZED THAT GOC POSITION ON THIS ISSUE IS
AS STATED IN PRESS RELEASE; I.E. THAT CARTEL PARTICIPANTS
ACTED PURSUANT TO GOC LAW AND POLICY. ENDERS

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